## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

DANNY M. SKINNER,	
Plaintiff,	C.A. 07-384 SLR
v.	
E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY, ) a Delaware corporation; E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY, Plan Administrator; PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLAN; TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY INCOME	
PLAN; and SHORT TERM DISABILITY PLAN,  Defendants.	) 

### **DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1927 and 29 U.S.C. § 1132 (g)(1), Defendants E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Plan Administrator; Pension And Retirement Plan; Total And Permanent Disability Income Plan; and Short Term Disability Plan (collectively "DuPont" or "Defendants"), move for an award of attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the defense of this action. The grounds for this motion are:

- a. the Plaintiff, Danny Skinner ("Skinner"), and his attorney brought and thereafter continued to prosecute this lawsuit knowing that the claims raised in the suit were barred by the applicable statute of limitation, having been so informed by this Court in a prior ruling involving the identical parties;
- b. Skinner and his attorney brought this lawsuit seeking prejudgment and postjudgment interest without any proper basis for doing so and without any proper investigation into the factual and legal bases for such remedy and knowing that there was no underlying judgment on which to base any interest; and

Skinner and his attorney brought this lawsuit seeking benefits under c. DuPont's Short Term Disability Plan without any proper basis for doing so and without any proper investigation into the factual and legal bases for doing so, and knowing that Skinner had in fact already received these benefits from DuPont nearly twenty years earlier.

These actions caused the Defendants and the Court to expend significant time and resources in defense of claims that were entirely without merit.

The complete grounds for this motion are set forth in Defendants' opening brief in support of this motion, filed contemporaneously herewith.

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ORD	ER
Defendants' Motion for Attorneys' Fees ha	aving been presented to and considered by the
Court;	
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED this d	ay of, 2008 that:
(1) Defendants' Motion for Attorneys'	Fees is hereby <b>GRANTED</b> ; and
(2) Plaintiff Danny M. Skinner and his counsel, John M. Stull, Esquire, are jointly	
and severally liable to Defendants for their attorne	ys' fees and expenses in connection with the
defense of this action in the amount of \$12,763.07	
	ole Sue L. Robinson s District Court Judge

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Sarah E. DiLuzio, hereby certify that on August 28, 2008, I electronically filed a true and correct copy of the foregoing **DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES** with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF which will send notification of such filing, which is available for viewing and downloading from CM.ECF.

#### VIA CM/ECF NOTIFICATION

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